



MNPD NEWSLINE

THE OFFICIAL EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER OF THE MNPD

November 30, 2007

News from the Chief

Congratulations to Captain Mike Alexander and Lieutenant Randy Hickerson, two outstanding members of this police department, who, at midnight, assume new leadership roles.

Mike, a 16-year veteran, is the South Precinct's new commander and will work alongside retiring Commander Rick Lankford during December. Mike has done very well in his role as a field supervisor over the past 13 months. He has the dedication, drive, and desire to direct police services for the citizens and businesses of South Nashville.

Randy, a 19-year veteran, is the newest captain and field supervisor. Randy is a well-rounded supervisor who has spent his tenure with the department as a patrol officer and supervisor, training academy instructor, and narcotics supervisor. He is well-suited to oversee police activities countywide during the overnight hours.

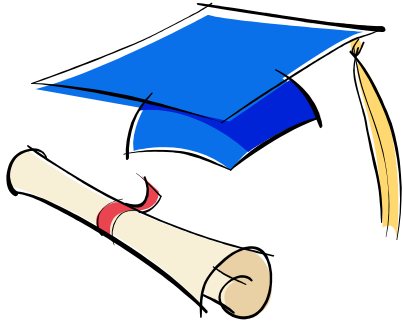
I am very pleased that 206 officers have signed up to take the sergeant exam next Thursday at the Municipal Auditorium. The exam will be given during morning and afternoon sessions. The test times assigned to candidates were chosen at random by the testing consultant. For those taking the exams, please remember that the testing report times are 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. The doors will be locked at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. No one else will be admitted after those times. A minimum of 100 officers who take the written test will advance to the oral assessment center portion of the exam. The assessment center will be held during late January.

Lieutenants interested in becoming a captain are urged to review the posting that went up today. Assessment center testing for captain will be held February 18-20. An orientation session will be held on January 22. Applicants for captain must have at least a bachelor's degree and one year as an MNPD lieutenant.

As part of our effort to put more officers on the street, the 17 members of Recruit Session 55 will graduate Monday at 6 p.m. at Woodson Chapel Church of Christ, 5800 Edmondson Pike. Everyone is invited to attend.

Thank you very much for your tremendous work during 2007. We are poised to end the year with our fourth consecutive year of overall major crime reduction. That would not be possible without the dedicated efforts, day in and day out, of all police officers and our professional support staff. I am sincerely appreciative for all that you do.

Happenings



**Session 55 Graduation Ceremonies
Monday, December 3
6 p.m. at Woodson Chapel Church of Christ
5800 Edmondson Pike**



Members of Session 55 conducting gas mask testing with Officer Bebout.



Trainees from Session 56 participating in Spanish Class.

The Precinct News

Hermitage

Officer Robert Morris stopped a car for a traffic violation and noticed that the passenger was a person mentioned in numerous drug complaints from citizens in the community. He called for a drug dog to respond. The dog indicated on the car. Seized in a subsequent search were 450 grams of marijuana. Both the driver and the passenger were charged with possession of marijuana for resale within 1,000 feet of a school. The car was also seized.

A man, stopped for careless driving, was in possession of 61 grams of cocaine and driving on a suspended license. Officer Jacob Pilarski seized the car, cocaine, drug paraphernalia, and \$362 cash.

South

A neighbor reported three suspects attempting to burglarize condos in the Country Drive area. Officer Mike Harrell was on his way into work when he responded to assist A detail

officers. He spotted a juvenile matching the suspect description carrying a pry bar in a car wash parking lot. Officer Harrell took him into custody. The teen was positively identified by witnesses and charged with burglary.

A woman was driving home on Cane Ridge Road when a man jumped in front of her car and attempted to rob her at gunpoint. She quickly drove away and notified police. Officer Sungjun Park arrived moments later and located two suspects hiding behind a U-haul trailer. One suspect was armed with a toy handgun that looked like an actual handgun. It was wrapped in a bandana. He was charged with attempted robbery. The other man, who was not involved in the robbery attempt, was charged with public intoxication

East

Surveillance of a suspected marijuana dealer led to his arrest and the seizure of over 1.5 pounds of marijuana, one weapon, and one vehicle.

A business on South 6th Street was closed when officers noticed a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot. They initiated a traffic stop as the driver attempted to leave. Seized in a consent search were a loaded handgun and several CDs the suspect was selling.

Sergeant Jeff Bauer recognized a vehicle stolen in a carjacking as it was being driven on Shelby Avenue. When the suspect stopped to get a gas can out of his trunk, Sergeant Bauer took him into custody without incident, and charged him with theft.

The driver of an SUV who ran a stop sign at Greenwood and Scott Avenues and failed to pull over for Officer Marty Reed, is now charged with cocaine possession in a drug free school zone. After a brief pursuit, the suspect stopped and fled on foot throwing a handgun and cocaine on the ground before Officer Reed captured him. He is charged with felony weapon and drug possession.

Three women were arrested for shoplifting at Citi Trends clothing store. They admitted to stealing from several different locations from Nashville to Bowling Green, Kentucky. Merchandise from nine different locations was recovered from their car.

North

Excellent community police work by North Precinct Officers James Pearce and Ed Morales led to the arrest of two robbery suspects.

The driver of a 1996 black Chevrolet Camaro, Jonathan Green, 20, of Pleasant View, and his passenger, Joseph Williams, 25, of Joelton, are charged with robbing two men. In both cases, the suspects flashed their headlights at a vehicle in front of them and the victim stopped thinking they were being pulled over by a police officer.

After Officers Pearce and Morales informed businesses in the area, a witness reported two men who matched the suspect description were in the 7200 block of Whites Creek Pike. Minutes later, Officers Pearce and Morales arrested Green and Williams. A sawed-off shotgun and one of the victim's wallets were found inside the car. During interviews with North Precinct Detective Robert Swisher, Green admitted his involvement and implicated Williams in both robberies.

Green and Williams are each charged with two counts of aggravated robbery.

An investigation following a simple traffic stop led to the arrest of a 17-year-old passenger in possession of a handgun. Officers saw a partially smoked marijuana cigarette in the car's ashtray. The teen admitted to officers he had a pistol. 6.3 grams of crack cocaine were recovered from the backseat. The rear passenger, 18, was charged with felony drug possession.

West

Four teenagers were arrested after they attempted to rob a man at gunpoint. As officers were taking the report, they learned all four juveniles were in the Wedgewood Avenue area near 8th Avenue South. All four teens were located and charged with aggravated robbery. The victim positively identified each suspect.

Officers were investigating a shots fired call on 12th Avenue South when a citizen told them several weapons had been placed inside the trunk of a car parked nearby. When a suspect attempted to drive away, officers conducted a traffic stop. Seized in a subsequent search were two SKS rifles, one M12 machine gun, one shotgun, and one pistol.

Central

Officer Marvin Williams responded to Club Faded where a patron was attempting to enter the club with a pistol. He was arrested and charged with unlawful weapon possession.

In addition to special events, the Mounted Patrol added an increased police presence at area shopping malls and parking garages.

Precinct Detectives and Identification Division

Coordinated police work between precinct detectives led to the arrest of a man suspected in as many as 30 business robberies across Nashville.

Kim Witt, 47, of Buchanan Street, is so far charged with six counts of aggravated robbery. He would typically bring an item for purchase to the register before demanding money

from the clerk at gunpoint. Witt's finger print was matched to one lifted at the scene of one of the robberies.

During an interview with detectives Witt admitted to robbing the following businesses:

Family Dollar Store, 405 West Trinity Lane, at 2 p.m. on September 27;

Dollar General Store, 2101 8th Avenue South, at 1 p.m. on October 2;

Family Dollar Store, 2700 Gallatin Pike, at 1 p.m. on October 18;

Walgreens, 1804 Charlotte Pike, at 3:15 p.m. on November 14;

Walgreens, 5600 Charlotte Pike, at 1:20 p.m. on November 19.

Witt, a convicted robber in Hamilton County, was on parole for life. The investigation is continuing and additional charges are expected.

MNPD Wellness Tip-off Tip-off for the week

Eat Heart Smart: Choose smart with fast food. When eating out at restaurants or fast food, select foods with the key words *Baked, Steamed, Broiled, Grilled, and Seasoned*. Try to avoid or limit items with the words *Fried, Stuffed, Buttered, Cream, and Braised*.

Choose to Move: Bear the weight. Weight bearing exercises are great for building strong bones and lean body mass, which boosts your metabolism! Some weight bearing exercises include: sit-ups, push-ups, pull-ups, using hand held weights & working out with weight machines.

NFD/MNPD Wellness Initiative

Tara Beever, MS and Sarah Vaughn, RD

For more information, please call (615)-340-0466

Congratulations:

Detective Jeff Ball, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife Diane, are the proud grandparents of Braden Clay Chastain, born November 28. Baby and parents, Jessica and Brian Chastain, are all doing well.



Condolences:

Sergeant John L. Smith, retired after 24 years of service in 2000, passed away November 18.

Barbara Sells, mother of Jeff Sells, Hermitage Precinct Investigations, passed away November 20.

Sara Ann Knapp Stewart, mother of Barbara Stewart, Central Precinct, and Deborah Webster, Specialized Investigations Division, passed away November 21.

Lieutenant C.E. "Goose" Warren, retired after 25 years of service in 1976, passed away November 21.

Aletha Cunningham-Taylor, sister of Officer Jerry Pirtle, North Precinct, passed away November 25.

Orlean Alford, grandmother of Officer Dan Alford, Special Operations Division, passed away November 26.

Steven Mullins, grandson of retired Deputy Chief Paul Uselton, passed away November 26.

Earlene Hill, maternal grandmother of Detective Billy Morris, South Precinct, passed away recently.

Ovelene Miller, grandmother of Officer Scott Murrell, East Precinct, passed away November 28.

Margaret Jackson, grandmother of Deborah Gober, School Crossing Guard Section, passed away November 29.

FYI:

Trevecca Nazarene University's new Criminal Justice Degree-Completion Program will begin in late January and there are still a few openings. This class will meet once a week on Saturday mornings from 8-12 for a period of about 15 months. Students will earn a total of 36 credit hours and all Metro officers who have graduated from the academy will be granted an additional 24 credit hours toward the degree.

Students who have 50-60 hours of previous coursework may enter the program, and 27 hours must be general education. Students with less than the required minimum may be admitted, depending on number and type of credits. Trevecca accepts transfer credit for all regular coursework from an accredited college for which a passing grade was earned.

For information, call Laurie Woods at 615-248-7401 or lwoods@trevecca.edu. Additional information is on the web: www.trevecca.edu/criminal.justice

***Domestic Violence Division's annual Christmas Celebration
and Lucy Roark Retirement Party.***

811 Second Avenue South

Monday, December 17

1 - 3 pm



METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Christmas Basket Program Application

Recipient's Name:

Address:

Home Phone # Business Phone #

MPD Employee Making Request: Employee #:

Employee Assignment/Shift/Work #:

Would you like to deliver this basket on December 24th? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please briefly describe this families need/situation:

Is recipient receiving Christmas aid through any other agency? Yes ☐ No ☐

Has the recipient received aid from the MPD program before? Yes ☐ No ☐

CHILDREN IN THE HOME

INDICATE CHILD'S AGE AND GENDER (M/F):

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***Toys will only be purchased for children 12 and under**

Additional comments:

NOTE: PLEASE FORWARD COMPLETED CHRISTMAS BASKET APPLICATION FORMS BY ELECTRONIC MAIL OR DEPARTMENT MAIL TO COMMANDER ANDY GARRETT – CENTRAL PRECINCT

Applications are to be filled out by personnel who know a family in need. A phone number for the applicant is a must. People cannot call up and want an officer to come by and put them on the list. We **will not** accept any person calling the precincts and wanting to be placed on the list. All entries will be accepted only by personnel who are familiar with the family they are submitting. Once submitted, the applications will be researched for acceptance to the program.

Officers are urged when filling out an application to also volunteer on Christmas Eve to deliver the gifts.



Donations can be given to Glenda Taylor, Kay Holder or Rhonda Hagar. Remember us on the November 22nd and December 7th check.

You can also make a donation by filing out an automatic withdrawal card at the MPD Credit Union.

Volunteers are also needed to deliver baskets on Christmas Eve.

Thanks again for another successful year in serving our community.

Commander Andy Garrett
Chief Elf

There will be NO Environmental Court held on December 19.



*Thirteenth Annual
Season to Remember
Ceremony*

DATE: Thursday, December 13, 2007

TIME: *Ceremony will begin at 5:45 PM*

PLACE: *Children's Garden, Centennial Park, Nashville, TN*

The holiday seasons of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa are upon us. For families and friends who have lost loved ones to homicide, this is an extremely difficult time. To help ease the pain, a special ceremony was created to honor and remember homicide victims and to support their families and friends. Since 1995, families and friends who have lost someone to homicide have come together to place Christmas, Hanukkah, and or Kwanzaa remembrance ornaments in memory of their loved one on a special evergreen tree.

This tradition began when members of a homicide support group at the Nashville Police Department's Victim Intervention Program created the ceremony. This ceremony will also include the lighting of candles on the Menorah for Hanukkah and on the Kinara for Kwanzaa. We invite you to attend the *Thirteenth Annual Season to Remember* remembrance ceremony to support the families and friends of homicide victims.

The date for the 2007 *Season to Remember* ceremony is Thursday, December 13th. The ceremony will begin at 5:45 PM and the program should be concluded between 6:30 and 7:00 PM. We will set up a large tent with a heater to help protect us against the weather. We hope you can come to support the families in our community who lives have been affected by the murder of a loved one.

If you have any questions, please call Amy Griffith @ (615) 862-7887 or

amy.griffith@nashville.gov

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NOTICE OF

Benefit Board Election

January, 22, 2008

Police Employee Representative

All Police Department personnel currently enrolled in a Metro Employee Benefit Board plan are eligible to become candidates and vote.

Note: Due to the resignation of Board Member Steve Bumpus, the candidate elected will serve the remainder of the incumbent's term.

All employees interested in becoming a candidate must file a qualifying petition signed by at least twenty five eligible police employees. In order to place your name on the ballot, qualifying petitions must be received in the Department of Human Resources, 222 3rd Avenue North, 2nd Floor, by 4:30 p.m. on November 30, 2007.

For additional information about filing a petition, call: Steve Cain at 862-6640 Ext. 72267.

NOTE: In the event only one candidate qualifies to be on the ballot and is unopposed, the qualified candidate will be declared the winner.

In that event, voting will not take place.

The Election will be conducted by machine vote on January 22, 2008 from 6:30 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. Majority vote determines election winner.

Requirement to Vote:

Payroll advice slip for those who receive direct deposit dated January 22, 2008 (or paycheck stub for those who receive a check) and Active Police Department ID will be required (no exceptions).

Eligible voter will then sign eligibility roster.

Voting Locations:

- North Precinct
- South Precinct
- East Precinct
- West Precinct
- Criminal Justice Center- Headquarters
- Hermitage Precinct
- Central Precinct

 Requests for ADA accommodation should be directed to the Metro Human Resources Dept. @ 862-6640